Sale of instruments by UTI

5267. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UTI has committed many blunders in recent sale of its instruments;

(b) whether the officers responsible for this fiasco have been identified;

(c) what steps are being taken to fix responsibility and punish the errant officials for such fiasco;

(d) whether it is a fact that the present Chairman of UTI is seeking extension; and

(e) the steps proposed to avoid such extention

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHIR M.V CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The Unit Trust of India has stated that it is not aware of any blunder in the sale of its units.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Government has extended the terms of the present Chairman of UTI for a period of three months. Extensions are normally granted with due regard to the interest of the organisation and the need to maintain continuity.

Nominee director of IDBI in industrial units

5268. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the industrial units or companies on which IDBI has nominee Directors where the turn over of such companies exceeds Rs. 1000 crores per annum;

(b) whether it is a fact that IDBI is interfering increasingly in the management of such units;

(c) whether IDBI will take responsibility for the management of such units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHIR M.V CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that it has nominee directors on the Boards of eight companies having annual turnover of over Rs. 1000 crore each.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Irregularities in ITC

5269. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serious irregularities have been detected by UTI in the ITC Ltd;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of finance involved in those irregularities; and

(c) whether Government propose to appoint a committee to look into the matter and if so, the details and if not, the reasons therefor and what other steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHIR M.V CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Unit Trust of India has reported that it is not aware of any financial irregularity in ITC Ltd.

(c) NO, Sir.

ITC to convert loan into equity

5270. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of ITC propose to convert